Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following section title before the first full paragraph on page 1:

BACKGROUND

Please insert the following section title before fifth full paragraph on page 1:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following section title before the third full paragraph on page 3:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following section title before the first full paragraph on page four:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace the fifth full paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This object is solved by a block-type building stone ~~having the features of claim 1 and by a method having the features of claim 14~~ comprising an outside face, an inside face and a three-layered structure. The three-layered structure includes an outer layer forming the outside face, a middle layer made from insulating mortar with high thermal performance that has at least 70 volume percent (related to the volume of the middle layer) of recycled, granular polyurethane and cement as a binder, and an inner layer that forms the inside face and preferably comprises cement as the binder. The block-type building stone is manufactured by first introducing a bottom layer into a water permeable mould to form either the outer layer or the inner layer. Next, cement, polyurethane and water are mixed together to produce a pourable mixture that is poured onto the bottom layer already formed in the mould to produce the middle layer. Next, a waiting time is observed wherein the cement does not yet harden and water flows out of the mould so that the layer thickness of the middle layer is reduced by at least 0.5 %, preferably by 2 to 5 %. Upon the expiration of the waiting period, an upper layer is applied; the upper layer forms the layer (outer layer or inner layer) not already formed by the bottom layer.

Please replace the sixth full paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

~~The~~ As noted above, the building stone is made from three different layers. The inner layer and/or the outer layer is either a continuous layer or a layer consisting of discrete larger parts such as e.g., bricks, ordinary stones, quarry stones, stone slabs (also marble, granite). In this case, the larger parts are pressed into the middle layer where they preferably adhere thanks to the cement of the middle layer. In use, these layers are positioned substantially vertically so that sound, which propagates substantially parallel to the earth's surface, is forced to pass through one layer after the other. Each layer has its own task to complete with regard to minimizing noise. It is preferred that the outer layer has the highest specific weight among the three layers; it is more specifically responsible for blocking the sound. The middle layer has the lowest specific weight among the three layers and is responsible for damping. Preferably, the inner layer has a specific weight between that of the outer layer and that of the middle layer; it is responsible for absorption. The interfaces between the layers are also beneficial for the purpose of utilization because the transmission properties of sound change at the interfaces.

Please add the following new paragraph to the specification before the first full paragraph on page 1:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/010954, filed October 1, 2004, which claims priority to German Application No. DE 10 2004 044 003.4, filed September 9, 2004, and German Application No. DE 103 46 520.0, filed October 2, 2003, the contents of which are expressly incorporated by reference in their entirety as part of the present disclosure.